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Applicant: Marcel Aeschlimann et al.

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Examiner: Gladys JP Corcoran

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

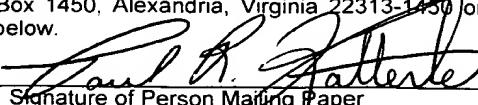
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Sir:

This response is filed with regard to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 12, 2003. The one-month period for responding to the Notice expires on October 12, 2003.

Please replace the prior "Amendment to the Claims" section with the following new version of the section.

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